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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your letter of May 7, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Michelle Henson of Glenayre Electronics, regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. Your constituent expresses concern that the suspension of processing of paging applications will adversely affect businesses that provide paging services.

The Commission is currently conducting a rulemaking proceeding that proposes to transition from licensing paging frequencies on a transmitter-by-transmitter basis to a geographic licensing approach, using auctions to award licenses where there are mutually exclusive applications. In conjunction with that proceeding, the Commission initially froze processing of applications for paging frequencies. On April 23, 1996, the Commission released a First Report and Order in (WT Docket 96-18) and PP Docket 93-253) which adopted interim measures governing the licensing of paging systems and partially lifted the interim freeze for incumbent paging licensees. For your convenience and information, enclosed is a copy of the Press Release concerning the First Report and Order, which includes a summary of the principal decisions made. Specifically, small and medium sized incumbent paging companies will be permitted to expand their service areas if the proposed new site is within 65 kilometers (40 miles) of an authorized and operating site. These interim rules will remain in effect until the Commission adopts final rules in the paging proceeding.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

David L. Furth
Chief, Commercial Wireless Division
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Enclosure

cc: Commercial Wireless Division
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May 7, 1996

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Ms. Daine Atkinson
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Atkinson:

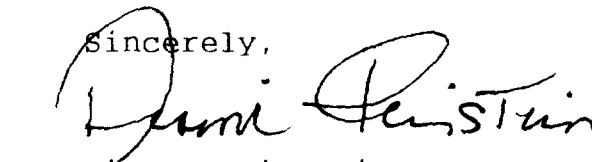
INQUIRY FROM: Michelle Henson (Reference #: seg-41576)

RE: FCC Freeze on Paging Licenses

I am forwarding the attached constituent inquiry for your review and consideration. I believe that my constituent would benefit from your direct response to the specific issues raised in the enclosed letter.

I would appreciate it if you would return your response, in duplicate, as quickly as possible so that I can share the information with my constituent.

Sincerely,


Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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April 11, 1996
The Honorable Diane Feinstein
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The FCC has recently imposed a freeze on new paging licenses when they issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on recommended changes to paging licensing rules.

Our management team spent a considerable amount of time in Washington during the last two weeks visiting with various Representatives and Senators who promised overwhelming support for our position based on the fact that this freeze was ill advised and has already cost Glenayre, as well as many paging operators, considerable losses. The freeze also threatens our jobs and an unnecessary slowdown of this very vibrant industry.

Please do not let a government agency arbitrarily slow down or shut down a very vibrant industry in a time when employment and economic growth is so important to this Country.

We encourage you to do everything possible to have the FCC lift this freeze immediately.

We appreciate your support.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michelle Henson".

Michelle Henson
Sales Administrator